

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

Quick Guide

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Junior Eurovision – a brief history.

Inspired by a Danish children's show in 2000, expanded to Scandinavia. Junior Eurovision began in 2003 in Copenhagen, Denmark, the first winner was Croatia. The contest has been through many changes in its 15 years, and whilst there are similarities between the Eurovision Song Contest and Junior Eurovision Song Contest, there are some very distinct differences too.

Junior Eurovision Table:

| Year | Host City/Country | Winning Country | Song Singer | Runner up |
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| 2003 | Copenhagen, Denmark | Croatia | <i>Ti si moja prva ljubav</i> Dino Jelusić | Spain |
| 2004 | Lillehammer, Norway | Spain | <i>Antes muerta que sencilla</i> María Isabel | UK |
| 2005 | Hasselt, Belgium | Belarus | <i>My vmeste</i> Ksenia Sitnik | Spain |
| 2006 | Bucharest, Romania | Russia | <i>Vesenniy Jazz</i> Tolmachevy Sisters | Belarus |
| 2007 | Rotterdam, Netherlands | Belarus | <i>S druz'yami</i> Alexey Zhigalkovich | Armenia |
| 2008 | Limassol, Cyprus | Georgia | <i>Bzz</i> Bzikebi | Ukraine |
| 2009 | Kyiv, Ukraine | Netherlands | <i>Clack Clack</i> Ralf Mackenbach | Armenia Russia |
| 2010 | Minsk, Belarus | Armenia | <i>Mama</i> Vladimir Arzumanyan | Russia |
| 2011 | Yerevan, Armenia | Georgia | <i>Candy Music</i> CANDY | Netherlands |
| 2012 | Amsterdam, Netherlands | Ukraine | <i>Nebo</i> Anastasiya Petryk | Georgia |
| 2013 | Kyiv, Ukraine | Malta | <i>The Start</i> Gaia Cauchi | Ukraine |
| 2014 | Marsa, Malta | Italy | <i>Tu primo grande amore</i> Vincenzo Cantiello | Bulgaria |
| 2015 | Sofia, Bulgaria | Malta | <i>Not My Soul</i> Destiny Chukunyere | Armenia |

Differences:

Bid to host, although winning country is given first refusal. First winning country to host was Armenia in 2011.

Backing vocals may be included on the backing track, they do not need to be performed live.

Eight performers are allowed on stage at Junior Eurovision, only six at the Eurovision Song Contest.

Since 2005 all countries have received 12 points automatically (making a finishing score of 12, the same as 0, although this has never happened).

The song must be sung in any of the national languages of the country it is representing, although up to 25% of lyrics are allowed in another language.

Performers must be nationals of the country, or have lived there for at least 2 years.

The song must last a minimum of 2 minutes 45 second, there is no minimum length at the Eurovision Song Contest.

Participation

Only active member broadcasters of the EBU are permitted to take part and vote in the contest, though the contest has been screened in several non-participating countries.

Participation in the contest tends to change dramatically each year. The original Scandinavian broadcasters left the contest in 2006 because they found the treatment of the contestants unethical, and revived the MGP Nordic competition, which had not been produced since the Junior Eurovision Song Contest began. Out of the thirty-seven countries that have participated at least once, only 2 countries – Belarus & The Netherlands – have competed in every Junior Eurovision so far.

2016 Host City: Valetta, Malta

Established March 1566

Capital City 1571

Founded by Jean de Valette

Population: 6444

Mayor: Alexei Dingli

Factoids!

50 miles from Italy, 107 miles from Tunisia & 207 miles from Libya.

Smallest capital city in the European Union.

85% of the city was bombed during World War 2.

Valletta Grand Harbour is the deepest harbour in the Mediterranean.

2016 Venue: The Mediterranean Conference Centre

Built as a hospital in 1574, the hospital was the reason that Malta became known as the 'Nurse of the Mediterranean' it remained this after until its renovation in 1918.

From 1920 – 1940 the building served as the headquarters of the Malta Police Force.

The building was evacuated during World War 2, where it took four direct hits. In

1950 it was used as a theatre for a year, it then became a school and an examination centre, until finally it was properly rebuilt and then reopened as the Mediterranean Conference Centre in 1979.

ALBANIA

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| Artist | Klesta Qehaja |
| Title (Native Language) | Besoj |
| Title English | I Believe |
| Language of Performance | Albanian |
| Composer | (M) Adrian Hila (L) Pandi Laço |

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| Artist Profile | Klesta was born in 2006 (age 11) in Kosovo and started singing at the age of four. She currently studies music in Pristina. Since 2010 she has been a member of the group <i>Xixellonja Fireflies</i> and has participated in many contests including winning first prize at the <i>Pristina Kids Festival</i> as well as <i>Shining Star</i> in Turkey and <i>Golden Microphone</i> in Slovenia. |
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| Song Description | Soft ballad building into each chorus and into the end. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final (100% jury) <i>Festivali 52 Këngës për Femije</i> |
| Date announced | 1 June 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2012 |
| Years Competed | 2012, 2015 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 3 |
| Best Position | 5 th (2015) 93 Points |
| Position 2015 | 5 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Mishela Rapo // Dambaje |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | NQ |
| Artist/Song | Enida Tarifa // Fairytale |

ARMENIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Anahit & Mary |
| Title (Native Language) | Tarber |
| Title English | Different |
| Language of Performance | Armenian & English |
| Composer | (M) Nick Egibyan (L) Avet Barseghyan |

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| Artist Profile | Anahit Adamyan & Mary Vardanyan, both are 13 years old. Anahit was born in Sochi, Russia and has competed in <i>The Voice Kids Russia</i> and <i>Battle of Talents</i> . Mary is from Vardenis in Eastern Armenia, near the Azeri border and has taken part in many Armenian and International music festivals. The two have very different personalities and styles, on making the music video Mary said "It was a lot of fun to 'style fight' with Anahit on the set!" |
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| Song Description | Up tempo dance/pop with soul, funk, lounge and R & B vibe, it's a bit retro but in a good way! |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | 10 August 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2007 |
| Years Competed | 2007 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 10 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2010) 120 points |
| Position 2015 | 2 nd |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Michael Varosyan // Love |
| Host venue | 2011 Yerevan |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 7th |
| Artist/Song | Iveta Muckuchyan // Lovewave |

AUSTRALIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Alexa Curtis |
| Title (Native Language) | We Are |
| Title English | We Are |
| Language of Performance | English |
| Composer | Ali Tamposi, Tania Doko & Boi-1 da |

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| Artist Profile | Alexa Curtis is 12 years old and comes from Brisbane on Australia's Gold Coast. She won <i>The Voice Kids Australia</i> in 2014 as a member of Delta Goodrem's team. Alexa is already signed to <i>Universal Music</i> and earlier this year she sang the theme song for the <i>Powerpuff Girls Reboot</i> in Australia |
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| Song Description | Up tempo, up beat, positive song, a classic strong vocal lead and pop beat. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | Artist: 20 September 2016 Song: 7 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2015 |
| Years Competed | 2015 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 2 |
| Best Position | 8 th (2015) |
| Position 2015 | 8 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Bella Paige // My Girls |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 2nd |
| Artist/Song | Dami Im // Sound of Silence |

BELARUS

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| Artist | Alexander Minyonok |
| Title (Native Language) | Musyka moih pobed, Музыка моих побед |
| Title English | Music is My Only Way |
| Language of Performance | Russian |
| Composer | (M) Kirill Ermakov, Alexander Minyonok (L) Roman Kolodko, Alexander Minyonok |

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| Artist Profile | Alexander is 13 years old and has grown up on the Belarusian music scene, his mother worked for 'Slavianski Bazaar' a large annual outdoor music festival and contest, which incidentally was won by Ruslana in 1996. Alexander is joined on stage by the other members of his dance band 'Sensation' |
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| Song Description | Funky pop number with hip-hop street styling and a catchy tune. Sung entirely in Russian, this song also boasts a heavy drum section in the middle. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final 50/50 Jury/Public |
| Date announced | 26 August 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 14 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2005) 149 points (2007) 137 points |
| Position 2015 | 4 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Ruslan Aslanov // Volshebstvo (Magic) |
| Host venue | 2010 Minsk |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | NQ |
| Artist/Song | IVAN // Learn How To Fly |

BULGARIA

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| Artist | Lidia Ganeva |
| Title (Native Language) | Valsheben den, Вълшебен ден |
| Title English | Magical Day |
| Language of Performance | Bulgarian |
| Composer | (M) Vladimir "Grafa" Ampov (L) Vladimir "Grafa" Ampov & Lliya Grigorov |

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| Artist Profile | Lidia is 10 years old and was born in Plodiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria. Bulgaria. She attended the Armenian school in her hometown and has been involved in music from a very early age; her parents are musicians with Bulgaria's famous folk ensemble, <i>Trakiya</i> . At six she joined the "Art Voice Centre" music school. With Rumi Ivanova as her singing teacher, Lidia won a total of 22 first, 4 second and 2 third prizes in national and international festivals. |
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| Song Description | Sweet with a nice beat to it and firmly fits the kid-pop genre. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final 50/50 Jury/Public |
| Date announced | Artist: 11 June 2016 Song: 14 September 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2007 |
| Years Competed | 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014 - present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 6 |
| Best Position | 2 nd (2014) 147 points |
| Position 2015 | 9 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Gabriela Yordanova & Ivan Stoyanov // Colour of Hope |
| Host venue | 2015 Sofia |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 4th |
| Artist/Song | Poli Genova // If Love Was a Crime |

CYPRUS

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| Artist | George Michaelides |
| Title (Native Language) | Dance Floor |
| Title English | Dance Floor |
| Language of Performance | Greek & English |
| Composer | (M) Andreas Anastasiou (L) Andreas Anastasiou & George Michaelides |

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| Artist Profile | George was born in Paphos and he is 13 years old. He has a wealth of performance experience both in Cyprus and the UK. In 2014 George travelled to Germany for the UDO <i>European Street dance Championships</i> and ranked 3rd place in the Under 12's Advance Solo Category. George is also active in martial arts and currently holds a blue belt in judo. |
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| Song Description | Something quite different to most others at this year's JESC, this is club sound at its most innocent. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | 17 September 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003, 2004, 2006 – 2009, 2014 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 8 |
| Best Position | 8 th (2004) (2006) |
| Position 2015 | - |
| Artist/Song 2015 | - |
| Host venue | 2008 Limassol |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 21st |
| Artist/Song | Minus One // Alter Ego |

GEORGIA

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| Artist | Mariam Mamadashvili |
| Title (Native Language) | Mzeo |
| Title English | Sun |
| Language of Performance | Georgian |
| Composer | (M) Giga Kukhianidze (L) Maka Davitaia |

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| Artist Profile | Mariam Mamadashvili is ten years old and has been performing since she was four years old. She studied at the <i>Bzikebistudio</i> in Georgia and also the Evgeni <i>Mikeladze State Central Music School</i> . Mariam now lives in the United States (since 2015) and studies at the <i>Broadway Method Academy</i> . |
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| Song Description | Beautifully sung soft ballad, with heavy piano lead and strings supporting. Has a true vintage feel to it. Mariam has amazing vocal control and handles the complicated note transitions like a pro. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | Artist: 30 September 2016 Song: 24 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2007 |
| Years Competed | 2007 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 10 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2008) 154 points (2011) 108 points |
| Position 2015 | 10 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | The Virus // Gabede |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 18th |
| Artist/Song | Nika Kocharov & Young Georgian Lolitaz // Midnight Gold |

IRELAND

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| Artist | Zena Donnelly |
| Title (Native Language) | Bríce Ar Bhríce |
| Title English | Brick By Brick |
| Language of Performance | Irish |
| Composer | Zena Donnelly |

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| Artist Profile | <p>Zena is 14. When she was 7 she sang on stage in Dublin with Whitney Houston. Zena beat 32 acts to become Ireland's Junior Eurovision participant and was selected by an expert panel consisting of previous Irish representatives in the Eurovision Song Contest. She placed second in the National Selection in 2015.</p> <p>Zena has won RTE's Nationwide TV Talent Competition Show <i>Off or Get Off</i>, performed for Music Inc., and played the lead role in <i>Annie The Musical</i> at the National Concert Hall.</p> |
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| Song Description | A fusion of traditional Irish and pop, risky as the Irish style of singing is not necessarily appreciated outside of the Celtic countries. Jeopardy in live performance of this style, could go either way. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final |
| Date announced | 6 November 2016 |

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| Debut | 2015 |
| Years Competed | 2015 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 2 |
| Best Position | 12 th (2015) |
| Position 2015 | 12 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Aimee Banks // Realta na mara |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | NQ |
| Artist/Song | Nicky Byrne // Sunlight |

ISRAEL

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Shir & Tim |
| Title (Native Language) | Follow My Heart |
| Title English | Follow My Heart |
| Language of Performance | Hebrew & English |
| Composer | (M) Dor Daniel (L) Noam Horev |

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| Artist Profile | <p>Shira Frieman (13) and TimoTi Sannikov (13)</p> <p>Galilee native Shira participated in the third season of Israel's prime time TV singing competition for children, <i>Music School</i>, where she worked with various singers and composers. Shira also gives her voice to dubbing work, such as the Hebrew version of Disney's <i>Finding Dory</i>.</p> <p>Tim is from Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv. In addition to Hebrew and French, he speaks Russian and English. TimoTi was a cast member of the Israeli rendition of the musical <i>Billy Elliot</i>. He plays the character of Billy's best friend, Michael, the show is a huge commercial hit in Israel.</p> |
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| Song Description | Pop ballad, starts with Tim and adds Shir's vocal at v2. Some very nice harmonies their voices complement each other very well. Written in a nice key for them both. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | 26 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2012 |
| Years Competed | 2012 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 2 |
| Best Position | 8 th (2012) |
| Position 2015 | - |
| Artist/Song 2015 | - |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 14th |
| Artist/Song | Hovi Star // Made of Stars |

ITALY

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Fiamma Boccia |
| Title (Native Language) | Cara Mamma – Dear Mom |
| Title English | Dear Mom |
| Language of Performance | Italian & English |
| Composer | (M) Marco Iardella, Francesco Spadoni & Alessandro Ghironi (L) Marco Iardella, Francesco Spadoni & Fiamma Boccia |

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| Artist Profile | Fiamma lives in Florence with her parents and 14-year-old sister Emilia who is also a singer. She performed as a "voce Bianca" in the <i>Opera Festival of Florence</i> . Now she is part of the children's <i>polyphonic choir</i> , <i>il Piccolo Coro Melograno di Firenze</i> . Fiamma also sang as solo at the <i>56° Zecchino d'oro</i> . Fiamma has two cats called Mimi and Musetta |
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| Song Description | Piano & string ballad with strong powerful vocal. Excellent vocal control and maturity of voice. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | 11 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2014 |
| Years Competed | 2014 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 3 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2014) 159 points |
| Position 2015 | 16 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Chiara & Martina Scarpari // Viva |
| Host venue | |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 16 th |
| Artist/Song | Francesca Michelin // No Degree of Separation |

MACEDONIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Martija Stanojkovic |
| Title (Native Language) | Ljubovta ne void |
| Title English | Love Will Lead Our Way |
| Language of Performance | Macedonian & English |
| Composer | (M) Aleksander Masevski (L) Aleksander Masevski & Martija Stanojkovic |

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| Artist Profile | Martija is 14, she recently finished second in the talent show <i>Pink Stars</i> , which is popular in the Balkan region. When Martija was four years old she joined a dance club called <i>Ultra</i> , and she was dancing for seven years before she entered <i>Pink Stars</i> . Her main message for her fans that they should love themselves as they are and to believe in themselves. |
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| Song Description | Synth pad pop. Up tempo pop song with heavy driving base. Martija has that typical Balkan sounding vocal which works very well with this song. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | Artist: 24 July 2016 Song: 10 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003-2011, 2013, 2015 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 12 |
| Best Position | 5 th (2007) (2008) |
| Position 2015 | 17 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Ivana Petkovska & Magdalena Aleksovska // Pletenka |
| Host venue | |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | NQ |
| Artist/Song | Kaliopi // Dona |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Christina Magrin |
| Title (Native Language) | Parachute |
| Title English | Parachute |
| Language of Performance | English |
| Composer | (M) Florent Boshnjaku (L) Matt Muxu Mercieca & Christina Magrin |

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| Artist Profile | Christina is 13, she studies vocal technique under her mother's guidance, who is also a passionate musician and a lecturer by profession. At three years of age she was played the part of ' <i>Dora the Explorer</i> ' and sang a solo during a University of Malta Theatre Production, <i>Infanta</i> . Earlier this year she sat for Grade 8 exam of the Trinity of London College, achieving recognition from the College as the youngest student ever to take this grade and the highest mark ever achieved. |
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| Song Description | Pop/Dance, plenty of musical effects in the track. Strong vocal. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | Artist: 16 July 2016 Song: 27 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003 – 2010, 2013 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 12 |
| Best Position | 1st (2015) 185 points (2013) 130 points |
| Position 2015 | 1st |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Destiny // Not My Soul |
| Host venue | 2014 Marsa, 2016 Valetta |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 12th |
| Artist/Song | Ira Losco // Walk on Water |

THE NETHERLANDS

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Kisses |
| Title (Native Language) | Kisses & Dancin' |
| Title English | Kisses & Dancin' |
| Language of Performance | Dutch |
| Composer | (M) Joost Griffioen, Stas Swaczyna & Hansen Tomas (L) Joost Griffioen & Hansen Tomas |

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| Artist Profile | Kisses is a girl band consisting of Kymora, Stefania and Sterre. Constructed specifically for JESC 2016 from a contest on the Dutch Junior Eurosong YouTube channel. The band is representative of different people groups in the Netherlands. |
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| Song Description | Dance floor filler! Kind of cheesy pop, but great harmony and energy. |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | Artist: 27 May 2016 Song: 25 July 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 14 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2009) 121 points |
| Position 2015 | 15 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Shalisa // Million Lights |
| Host venue | 2007 Rotterdam, 2012 Amsterdam |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 11 th |
| Artist/Song | Douwe Bob // Slow Down |

POLAND

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Olivia Wieczorek |
| Title (Native Language) | Nie zapomnij |
| Title English | Do Not Forget |
| Language of Performance | Polish |
| Composer | (M) Piotr Rubik (L) Dominik Grabowski |

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| Artist Profile | Olivia is 14. She began singing at the age of five when she took part in a Christmas singing competition and won. Following this she competed in various contests, achieving good results. Olivia's biggest breakthrough came when she won a popular talent show for children in Poland from this she went on to perform at many concerts in Poland and around the world with a symphony orchestra and choir. Olivia dedicates her Junior Eurovision performance to her mum. |
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| Song Description | Vocal lead ballad, piano lead with strings and later some military style drum work. Requires lots of vocal control & there some big notes that will need to be managed well. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final |
| Date announced | 15 October 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2003 |
| Years Competed | 2003, 2004 |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 3 |
| Best Position | 16 th (2003) |
| Position 2015 | - |
| Artist/Song 2015 | - |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 8th |
| Artist/Song | Michał Spak // Color of Your Life |

RUSSIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Water of Life Project |
| Title (Native Language) | Water of Life |
| Title English | Water of Life |
| Language of Performance | Russian & English |
| Composer | Rita Dakota |

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| Artist Profile | Lead singer Sofia Finsenko is 13 and has already taken part in many international competitions and her original songs regularly broadcast on Russian television. Alongside lead vocalist Sofia, Sasha Abrameytseva and sisters Christina and Madonna Abramova also form the Water of Life Project. |
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| Song Description | Pop anthem/up tempo ballad with powerful female vocal lead (something we've come to expect a lot of at ESC and JESC) |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final 50/50 Jury/Public (web) |
| Date announced | 16 August 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2005 |
| Years Competed | 2005 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 12 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2006) 154 points |
| Position 2015 | 6 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Mikhail Smirnov // Mechta |
| Host venue | - |

Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Finishing Position | 3rd |
| Artist/Song | Sergey Lazarev // You're the Only One |

SERBIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Dunja Jeličić |
| Title (Native Language) | U La La La |
| Title English | U La La La |
| Language of Performance | Serbian |
| Composer | (M) Vladimir Graić (L) Loentina Vukomanović & Dunja Jeličić |

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| Artist Profile | Dunja is 12 years old, she'll be 13 in two weeks' time! At the age of six she became a member of the children's choir, Čarolija, and performed many concerts as a soloist. She was also a contestant in the competition <i>Prvi srpski talenat</i> (First Talents of Serbia). In 2014, Dunja made it to the semi-finals of the big talent show for children, <i>Pinkove zvezdice</i> . She is currently engaged in preparing the musical based on the life of Nikola Tesla; <i>Tesla: The Secret of Electropy</i> (Tesla: Tajna Elektropije) where she will be playing one of the leading roles. |
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| Song Description | Up tempo 8 beat pop, great key for Dunja's voice. Fun, energetic, slightly retro (in a good way!) |
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| Selection Process | Internal |
| Date announced | 14 September 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2006 |
| Years Competed | 2006-2010, 2014 – present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 8 |
| Best Position | 3 rd (2007)(2010) |
| Position 2015 | 7 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Lena Stamenkovic // Lenina Pesma |
| Host venue | - |

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| Finishing Position | 18th |
| Artist/Song | Zaa Sanja Vujić // Goodbye (Shelter) |

UKRAINE

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016

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| Artist | Sofia Rol |
| Title (Native Language) | Planet Craves For Love |
| Title English | Planet Craves For Love |
| Language of Performance | Ukrainian & English |
| Composer | (M) Ruslan Kvinta (L) Vitalii Kurivskyi, Sandra Bjurman, Yevgeny Matyushenko & Sofia Rol |

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| Artist Profile | Sofia Rol is 14 years old and comes from Kyiv. When she was four Sofia started attending the Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble, <i>Zerniatko</i> . In 2008 she started working over her first album, <i>Sofia Rol – for the Children of Ukraine</i> . In 2014 Sofia finished first in the Kyiv Art Time Contest and also participated in the Ukrainian national selection for Junior Eurovision. In 2015 she represented Ukraine at the Junior Sanremo Music Festival. |
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| Song Description | Ballad with strong vocal lead. Plenty of strings with guitar plucking those steel strings! Classic ballad but does have a fresh modern twist to it. |
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| Selection Process | Nat Final (jury/public) |
| Date announced | 10 September 2016 |

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

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| Debut | 2006 |
| Years Competed | 2006 –present |
| No. of JESC (incl 2016) | 11 |
| Best Position | 1 st (2012) 138 points |
| Position 2015 | 11 th |
| Artist/Song 2015 | Anna Trincher // Pochyny z sebe |
| Host venue | 2009 Kyiv, 2013 Kyiv |

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| Finishing Position | 1st |
| Artist/Song | Jamala // 1944 |

